

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PHILIP D. NGUYEN *ET AL.*

Serial No.: 10/616,052

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Title: "METHODS OF CONSOLIDATING  
SUBTERRANEAN ZONES AND  
COMPOSITIONS THEREFOR"

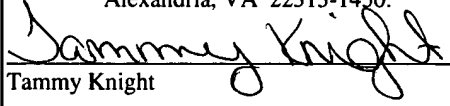
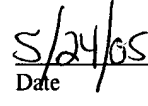
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.